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JOURNEY TO THE FALLS RESERVATIONS – SPRING 2016

TO RESERVE A BIG RIVER JOURNEY TRIP FOR YOUR SCHOOL:

- 1) **Contact Brian Goodspeed at 651-293-8414 for a trip/date reservation.** Reservations are *first-come, first-served*, in accordance with guidelines outlined in this flyer (i.e. 65 student maximum/trip; 130 max./school).
- 2) **Then send or fax this form to National Park Service at address below.** We must receive a complete form to reserve your trip, and all teachers must attend (or have previously attended) a Journey to the Falls Workshop.

Trip Date (as provided by Brian Goodspeed) _____ **Grade(s) (circle):** 4 5 6

Trip start time (circle): 9:30 (at Bohemian Flats, Minneapolis) 9:45 (at Stone Arch Bridge West, Minneapolis)

School _____ **Number of students (limits: 65/trip, 130/school)** _____

School address _____ **City, state, zip code** _____

Contact Person _____ **Contact email** _____

School phone # _____ **Fax #** _____

Teachers from my school who will attend the March 19 workshop (attendance required for field trip participation unless attended previously in last five years):

Are you requesting a scholarship? (see eligibility requirements elsewhere in this flyer): YES NO

Are you requesting a bus stipend? (see eligibility requirements elsewhere in this flyer): YES NO

Fax or send this form (or a copy) to:

Journey to the Falls Reservations
Mississippi National River & Recreation Area
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Fax: 651-290-3815

For further information: Call Brian Goodspeed at 651-293-8414
or visit our website at www.nps.gov/miss or www.nps.gov/miss/learn/education/jtfindex.htm

Journey to the Falls—Spring 2016

Educational field trips on the Mississippi River!



What is Journey to the Falls?

Journey to the Falls (JTF) immerses 4th-6th grade students in the heritage of Saint Anthony Falls and the Mississippi River through **history, science and literacy activities**. JTF integrates river and classroom experiences. A riverboat excursion includes hands-on learning stations, journaling and sketching. Land-based activities include hands-on activities in Mill Ruins Park and a visit to Saint Anthony Falls and lock area.

JTF teachers incorporate river-themed activities into their classroom. Pre- and post-trip activities are selected by each teacher from among activity options presented in the JTF teacher workshop. JTF is aligned with Minnesota Academic Standards.

Field trip description

Journey to the Falls field trips feature staffed learning stations and activities:

- River Explorers
- River History Detectives (using maps)
- Journaling
- Viewing St Anthony Falls and lock*
- Mill Ruins Archaeology*
- Mills History Hunt*

* land-based experiences

Each trip is designed for up to 65 students (or two classrooms), grades 4-6.

NOTE: Details about JTF activities are provided at the JTF teacher workshop. The boat trip will explore the river gorge area and does not include locking.

Field trip location

Journey to the Falls takes place on and along the **Mississippi River in Minneapolis**. The riverboat portion of the trip (on the Minneapolis Queen) begins and ends at **Bohemian Flats Park**, one mile downstream from St. Anthony Falls on the river's west side. The land based portion of the trip takes place around the west end of the **Stone Arch Bridge**, downtown Minneapolis. Students must be bused between the two locations using your school's buses.

Field trip dates

May 20, 23-27, 31 and June 1, 2016

Field trip times (may be adjustable)

Trip 1- Students arrive at 9:30 at Bohemian Flats Park for a 1½ hour riverboat trip followed by a brown bag lunch. Students board your bus at 11:40 for transport to the Stone Arch Bridge and the 1¼ hour land portion of the field trip. Field trip ends at 1:15.

OR

Trip 2- Students arrive at 9:45 at the west end of the **Stone Arch Bridge** for 1¼ hours of land based activities, followed by a brown bag lunch. At 11:35, your bus takes students to Bohemian Flats Park to board the boat at 11:50 for a 1½ hour boat trip. Trip ends at 1:30.

Participation requirements

Attendance at the Journey to the Falls **Teacher Workshop**, preparation of students through classroom activities, and evaluation, are **required of all teachers**. See workshop details at right.

Field trip fee

Cost is **\$9** per student. Field trip payments are handled by the **Minneapolis Queen Riverboat (MQR)** which will contact you for billing if your school is scheduled for a trip. MQR provides 1 comp fare per 15 students.

Scholarships

Scholarships and bus stipends to reduce field trip costs are provided by the Mississippi Park Connection's "Ticket to Ride" scholarship fund with support from National Park Foundation.

To qualify: Schools with at least 40% participation in the free-and-reduced lunch program and/or at least 40% students of color qualify. Scholarship eligibility with qualifying percentages must be verified in writing by your principal. Request a scholarship when you make your reservation. Approved schools pay **\$4/student**.

Bus stipends

To qualify: Schools with at least 60% participation in the free-and-reduced lunch program may receive bus stipend(s) of up to \$200/bus (of 30-60+ students). Request bus stipend(s) when you make your reservation. Must submit bus invoice for reimbursement by Mississippi Park Connection. FFI: call Brian at 651-293-8414

Trip reservations

Fax or send your completed reservation request form to Brian Goodspeed at the return address shown on this flyer.

Teacher Workshop

Attendance at the Journey to the Falls Teacher Workshop is **required of all teachers** participating in the field trips, unless attended previously in last five years.

Workshop location: Mill City Museum
ADM Conf. Rm., 6th floor
710 S. Second Street, Minneapolis

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2016, 8:30-12:30

Registration: Confirm your attendance for the workshop at the same time you select your trip date. If you have questions, please contact Brian Goodspeed for assistance at 651-293-8414.

Cost: FREE!

Workshop content:

At the Journey to the Falls workshop teachers will:

- Get oriented to Journey to the Falls field trip logistics
- Learn to conduct classroom activities that help prepare students for the field trip while supporting academic standards
- Learn to make and utilize a journal as a key part of the field trip
- Learn about follow-up activities such as writing and art to extend and reinforce the field trip learning experience
- Receive Teacher's Guide of thematic Mississippi River activities and resource materials
- Receive Continuing Education certificate

Further information

www.nps.gov/miss/learn/education/jtfindex.htm